

BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 2012

OATH OF OFFICE:

New Board member, Nathan Carroll, was sworn in by the Board Attorney prior to the start of the meeting.

Chairman Eller led the members of the Board in the flag salute and read the Open Public Meetings Act into the Record.

Roll Call: Durfee, Mangiacotti, Post, Vitalos, Carroll, Eller – 6 Present
Absent: Bukow
Vacancy: 2 Vacancies
Also Present: Stephen Gruenberg, Board Attorney
Patricia Titus, Clerk

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – September 25, 2012:

Chairman Eller entertained additions or corrections to the minutes. No comments on the minutes. It was moved by Vitalos, seconded by Durfee, that the minutes of the regular meeting held September 25, 2012, be approved as presented.

Roll Call: Durfee, Mangiacotti, Post, Vitalos, Carroll, Eller –
Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstained: 3
Motion carried

RESOLUTIONS:

There were no resolutions at this meeting.

APPLICATIONS:

Case #2012:1 – Dofin Mathew - Completeness Hearing

96 Alvin Sloan Ave, Block 2.12, Lots 3

Attorney Gruenberg reviewed the notices and proof of publication and deemed them to be complete. Mr. Mathew was sworn in.

The applicant stated that he is requesting a variance to build a deck with less than the required 35 ft. rear yard setback. Chairman Eller asked for the measurements discussed at last meeting. West side from house – 10 ft.; Deck will be 38' wide and 15' deep; stairs will be built from the side of the deck towards the front yard. Mr. Mathew stated that there would be no detriment to the public because there is a detention basin behind his back yard and not another residence. Also, one of his neighbors has a similar deck to the one he is proposing. No audience in attendance. Motion to close public portion by Mangiacotti, seconded by Vitalos with all in favor. Hardship to home owner due to location of the house and the unique shape of the lot.

Motion by Vitalos, seconded by Durfee to grant the variance for a deck size 38 ft x 15 ft to be built no less than 31 ft. from the back of the property and the stairs cannot facing the rear yard.

Roll Call: Durfee, Mangiacotti, Post, Vitalos, Carroll, Eller –
Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstained: 0
Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

New member, Nathan Carroll, was welcomed to the Board.

REPORTS: There were no reports at this meeting.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Discussion regarding the official newspaper. Attorney Gruenberg stated that the Board should be consistent with other Boards. Star Gazette to remain the official weekly paper and the Express-Times to be the daily.

REMARKS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Post, seconded by Durfee that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 pm. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Mangiacotti, Secretary